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WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ

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1. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE PRESIDENT'S STRONG INTEREST
IN THE LAW OF THE SEA AND AM GRATIFIED THAT HE AND
PRESIDENT PEREZ WERE ABLE TO DEVOTE A SIGNIFICANT PART
OF THEIR RECENT DISCUSSIONS TO THE CONFERENCE. THE
PRESIDENT'S SUGGESTION OF A HIGH LEVEL BILATERAL MEETING
HAS GIVEN US A MOST VALUABLE ASSET ON WHICH TO DRAW IF,
AS MAY WELL BE LIKELY, WE AND THE VENEZUELANS FIND OUR-
SELVES ON DIFFERENT SIDES OF CRITICAL ISSUES DURING THE
COMING WEEKS.

2. I WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 13 IN CONNECTION
WITH CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON SEABED MINING LEGISLATION
AND WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF A HIGH
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LEVEL BILATERAL MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT AND NSC. AT THIS
TIME MAY I OFFER THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY COMMENTS.

3. AT THIS STAGE IN THE EVOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE I
WONDER IF VERY EARLY HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS MIGHT BE
USEFUL. THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN
GIVEN OVER EXCLUSIVELY TO CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION

OF WHO SHALL BE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE. UNTIL ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS FOR THIS SESSION HAVE BEEN AGREED, THE SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE WILL NOT GO AHEAD. THERE HAVE THUS BEEN NO DEVELOPMENTS OF A SUBSTANTIVE CHARACTER AND WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHICH POINTS OF CRITICAL DIFFERENCE WILL IN FACT EMERGE BETWEEN US AND THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION. WE MAY IN FACT HAVE DEEP PROBLEMS WITH VENEZUELA ON SEABEDS SINCE IT HAS TENDED TO STAKE OUT RADICAL POSITIONS IN THE GROUP OF 77. IN BRIEF IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW PRECISELY AT THIS MOMENT HOW BETTER COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR TWO DELEGATIONS COULD CONTRIBUTE TO RESOLUTION OF MAJOR CONFERENCE ISSUES. I RESPECTFULLY RECOMMEND THEREFORE THAT A HIGH LEVEL MEETING BE HELD IN ABEYANCE FOR A SHORT TIME UNTIL I CAN FURTHER ASSESS THE TACTICAL SITUATION IN GENEVA.

4. WE DIFFERED SHARPLY WITH THE VENEZUELAN ON THE CONTINUATION OF AMERASINGHE AS PRESIDENT AND ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL HAVE DIFFERENCES WITH THEM OVER THE RELATIVE AUTHORITY TO BE ACCORDED THE PRESIDENT AND THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN IN REVISING THE CURRENT NEGOTIATING TEXT WHEN THE QUESTION OF ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION IS ADDRESSED IN THE COMING DAYS. BUT IN MY VIEW THIS LATTER QUESTION DOES NOT NOW REQUIRE HIGH LEVEL INTERVENTION. I AM IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR AGUILAR WHO HAS HAD A CENTRAL ROLE IN FORMULATING AND SUSTAINING THE LATIN CONFIDENTIAL

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AMERICAN POSITION ON THE PRESIDENCY AND WILL HAVE A MAJOR SAY IN FORMULATING THAT GROUP'S APPROACH TO ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS. I SHALL CERTAINLY CONTINUE TO CONSULT WITH HIM REGULARLY.

5. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE SECRETARY CONSIDER STOPPING BRIEFLY IN GENEVA IF, AS I UNDERSTAND, HE INTENDS TO VISIT MOSCOW THIS MONTH AND IF HE WOULD FIND IT CONVENIENT TO DO SO. THIS WOULD GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSCORE NOT ONLY TO THE VENEZUELAN BUT OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS THE STRONG AND CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES IN THIS CONFERENCE. THE U.S. FLAG IS FLYING HIGH AFTER A MAJOR U.S. INITIATIVE WHICH WAS WIDELY PRAISED TO HELP RESOLVE THE ISSUE OF THE PRESIDENCY. SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE COMPLEMENT TO THOSE RECENT EFFORTS. IT WOULD CLEARLY HAVE A HIGHLY POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE CONFERENCE. WE WOULD OF COURSE WISH TO WORK OUT WITH THE SECRETARY A FAIRLY PRECISE PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT HIS VISIT IS OF MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS. RICHARDSON

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